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SUBJ: REPORT OF INQUIRY INTO CUBANA CRASH

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1. EMBASSY HAS HAD VERY LITTLE CONTACT WITH ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SINCE THE INQUIRY BEGAN; NONE AT ALL SINCE THE PUBLIC PART OF THE INQUIRY ENDED. FRANKLYN WILLIS, L/ARA, MAY HAVE GOTTEN AN IMPRESSION OF WENT'S AND/OR WILLIAMS' VIEWS WHILE HERE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE REPORT OF INQUIRY WILL BE MADE PUBLIC BUT DOUBT THAT IT WILL COME OUT BEFORE YEAR'S END. GIVEN LUGO'S TESTIMONY AND THE CUBAN ACCUSATIONS, THE COMMISSION MAY WELL REFER TO THE POSSIBILITY OF INDIRECT U.S. INVOLVEMENT. NO DOUBT, THE GOB IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF THE CRASH AND INQUIRY ON THE TOURIST INDUSTRY AND WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE MATTER LAID TO REST WITH AS BLAND A REPORT AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, IN OUR OPINION, IT IS UNLIKELY TO TRY TO INFLUENCE THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS.
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